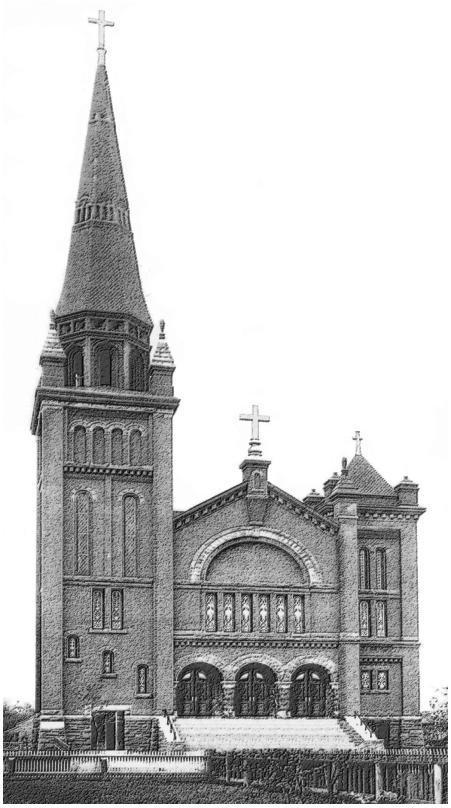

DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH FORMED BY THE UNION OF HOLY FAMILY, HOLY ROSARY & ST. LEO'S PARISHES

33 Manhattan St.
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Phone: (570) 825-6669

Web Site:	**www.stleos-holyrosary.org**
Diocesan Website:	**www.dioceseofscranton.org**
Pastor:	**Reverend Vincent Dang**
Administrative Asst:	**Marina Kachinko**
Director of Music:	**Robert Passetti**
Director of Religious Education:	**Michele Casey**
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Baptisms & Weddings:	**Call the Rectory**

READINGS: (SUN., DEC. 19) Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel, Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

What is the 2021-2023 Synod about?

On March 7, 2020, Pope Francis announced that a Synod of Bishops would convene at the Vatican in October 2023, the theme of which will be *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. As a vital first step in the Synod process, the Holy Father has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church. By virtue of our Baptism, all of us are called to be active participants in the life of the Church through discernment, participation and co-responsibility. Through a process of careful listening, our participation in the Synod process will enable us to better understand how the Christian community participates in the life of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton today and how that shared participation among our members might grow in the future.

Please participate in the Online Survey: English-https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3FRDX6;

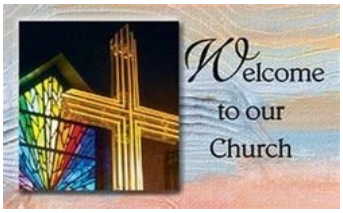
Parish Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE MASS:
There will be no Vietnamese Mass in December.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
WEEKEND — Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS — 8:00 a.m. all weekdays except Wednesday
HOLY DAYS — (Vigil) 5:15 p.m., (Day) 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
All weekdays at 7:45 a.m. except Wednesday
Saturday — 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS: We, St. Leo the Great Parish welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at (570) 825-6669 or stopping by during office hours. We are handicap accessible in the rear side of the church. We also invite you to visit our web page at http://stleos-holyrosary.org. Thank you.



2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "Rising Together in Christ": We are asked to renew our commitment to support the local Church and the greater community by sharing God's gifts with those in need. There is a new incentive this year of $2,000 to our parish if we increase our participation by 10% in addition to the 75% rebate for donations above our goal of $33,000. Please be generous. We have raised $18,675.00 to date. Thank you to all those who have given!

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH: Fri., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Sat., Christmas Day, Sat., Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*****Please note there will be no confession at 3:45 p.m. or no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.*****

NO DAILY MASS: Fri., Dec 24 at 8:00 a.m. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Every Christmas brings new hope for our world and our lives as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us pray that Christ will bestow greater peace on our society and world. As we ask for Christ's gifts of peace, our parish asks for your Christmas gift for our Christmas collection. Please be generous and thank you with all my heart for your special gift to St. Leo the Great Parish this Christmas.

THANK YOU: With gratitude for your Weekly Sacrifice! We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice to support our parish and its ministries! May God Bless you for your faithfulness, generosity and love.

THANK YOU: For your generosity last weekend for Care & Education of Priests. May God Bless You Always.

THANK YOU: To those that cleaned and decorated the Church in preparation for Christmas. Thank you for your love and dedication to our Parish. May God Bless You Always.

THANK YOU: For the donation to the Stained Glass Window restoration project in loving memory of Robert & Caroline Cunningham. May God Bless them.

WINTER WEATHER: When attending mass during the winter season because of slippery conditions please enter through the Church hall or use the Church side door. Thank you.

MASKING: As per Bishop Bambera's August 6th message, he is strongly recommending everyone attending Mass wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Thank you.

SHUT IN LIST: The Altar & Rosary/St. Ann Society along with the Holy Name Society will offer a candle for homebound parishioners. If you know a parishioner who cannot make mass due to being ill or is in the hospital or a nursing home please call the Rectory by Mon., Dec. 13. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newly baptized member of our parish, Cecilia Shaffern daughter of Brandin & Jacqueline Shaffern who was baptized on Sun., Dec. 5. May God Bless her.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week-end Dec. 11 & 12 for Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous. May God Bless You. Thank you.

ATTN: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: The 12/25/21 - 1/23/22 schedule is in the Sacristy for pick up. Please find a replacement if you can't serve when scheduled. Notify Toni at (570) 868-8215 or alrisc@hotmail.com with any special requests or if you can no longer serve. Thank you for your service to our parish.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sun., Dec. 11 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall.

CYRENIANS MEETING: Sun., Jan. 16 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall. New members welcome.

OPLATKI WAFERS: Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary/St. Ann's Society will be available before and after each weekend Mass in the vestibule from until Sun., Dec. 19 or call the Rectory (570) 825-6669. Available in packs of 4 or 5. Donations are appreciated. Thank you.

HOLY FAMILY & ST. LEO THE GREAT TAX STATEMENTS: All donations to be credited for 2021 must be in the office by Thurs., Dec. 30 or in the collection basket the weekend of December 25/26. **Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one.**

2022 CALENDARS: Are available in the rear of the church. We would like to thank George Strish, Inc. and Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. for sponsoring the calendars. May God Bless them for their generosity.

PARISH CENSUS: If you or a loved one changed your name, address or phone no., please contact the office (570) 825-6669 or write your new info on your envelope so we can update your records. Thank you.

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: Please lookout for the safety of our children especially as they are dismissed from class at 10:30 a.m. when you may be arriving for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thanks.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Your children's safety is always the primary concern of ours. Please use your discretion if you choose to send your children to CCD in inclement weather. Thank you.

SAVE IMPORTANT DATES: First Penance - Sat., Jan. 29, 2022 at 11 a.m.; **First Holy Communion** - Sun., May 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. and **Confirmation** - June 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Is held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to join the choir. Please contact Bob Passetti, Music Director/Organist with any questions at (570) 814-1747 or he can be reached on line at http://stleos-holyrosary.org/choir/. Thank you.

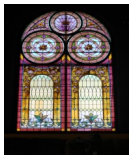
PERPETUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Every Monday after 8 a.m. Mass the Novena will be prayed. Please come to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary.

DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Every First Friday of the Month we will have devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus following 8 a.m. Mass.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Leo's take Holy Communion to the sick/homebound. Please advise family members or friends who cannot attend Mass that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can bring the Lord Jesus to them. Anyone wishing to receive Communion may call Debbie Milford (570) 466-8311. Communion is distributed after the 11:00 a.m. Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month. Thank you.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS: If you or a love one are hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from Father Dang, please call the rectory (570) 825-6669. **Due to HIPPA regulations, hospitals will not provide us the names of our parishioners.** Father Dang wants to make sure that his parishioners are visited and blessed when they are ill. He will be happy to hear confessions when requested. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We encourage Parishioners to use your Christmas Flower Envelope. It helps defray the cost of decorating our Church. The envelopes will be placed on the altar to remember and honor our loved ones. Thank you and May God Bless You Always.



STAINED GLASS CHURCH WINDOWS: Maintenance, repairs and cleaning has started to all stained glass church windows in St. Leo's and the process will take approximately six months to complete. If you would like to donate to this special project, please see Father or contact the Rectory. Thank you to all that have given and May God Bless You for your faithful service to our parish.

2022 MASSES: Can be purchased Mon. through Fri. 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. Due to the increased size of our parish and to be fair, at this time there is a limit of two (2) week-end masses and three (3) week-day masses per family. All masses must be requested in person or over the phone 570 825-6669, there are no pre-reserved dates. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Jared and Debbie Bellas, Lois O'Hara, Florence Ryder, Lila Aukstakalnis, Tom Smith, Marion Ferguson, Joyce Seiger, William Vancosky, Frank Kempf, Louise Brant, Robert Lusk, Jean Wiernusz, Karen Hannis, Jackson Chapasko, Margaret Sipple, Robert Bozek, Christopher Fee, Bonnie Turchin, Maryann Lavan, Jesse Mendoza, Billy Shemanski, Ruth Kackauskas, George Warman, David Bukoski Jr., Jonathan Elick, Janet Tyson, Dan R., Cynthia Sickler, Elaine Warman, Tia Toney, John Pac, Frank Sorokach, Terry Murphy, Debra Rontinonis, Elaine Thornton, Faye Klinges, Dennis Pisano, Toni Riscavage, Mary Ann Yedloski, Michael Ralston, Lauran McDonald, Thomas Gorman, Quinn Gorman, Leah Cronauer, Marie Keegan, James Scallion, Chloe Brown, Margaret Prestas, Rosie Reynolds, Dylan Culp, Terri Belanchik, Thomas & Louise Cavanaugh, Justin Thompson, Rita Martin, Maria Wujik, Joseph Kulbaski, Skip Milford, Bill Desciak, David Pudlosky, Peggy Mihalchik, Jim Kinney Sr., Pam Gibson, Cameron Wilson, Abigail Klass, Angela Heim, Pat C., Annette Laxton, Carolyn Fealy, Roslyn Glynn, Michael Corcoran, Keith Casey, Ronald Koviack, Chris Klau, Mary Anne Malone, Albert Vrabel, Pam Kalinowski, Geraldine Hooper and Dolores Loughnane and all the faithful departed especially Andrew J. Skipalis and Harold Richards. If you know someone ill or you want us to pray for, please call the rectory (570) 825-6669.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Monday	12/13	8:00 AM	Charles Romanowski	Wife & Family
Tuesday	12/14	8:00 AM	Charlotte Benio	Charlotte L. Androckitis
Wednesday	12/15	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Thursday	12/16	8:00 AM	John Mazza	Charles Tourelonis
Friday	12/17	8:00 AM	Margaret Woznock	Margie & Tom Slavinski
Saturday	12/18	4:30 PM	Ellen Drake	Daughter Sue
Sunday	12/19	8:30 AM	For Our Parishioners	
		11:00 AM	David & Raymi Zabofski	The Family

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH, SANDRA & DONNA CASEY BY LARRY CASEY & GRANDCHILDREN AND IN MEMORY OF ZACH KOLLAR BY HIS GRANDPARENTS DOROTHY & DOMINICK FERRO.
A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE EVANS BY BILL & FAMILY; IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BELLAS BY MOM, DAD, CASEY & JARED; IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ZAVASKAS BY PHIL & RITA WOODS; IN MEMORY OF JACK MERGO BY WIFE SUSAN; IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL GALARDI BY WIFE NANCY & SONS; IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY GALARDI BY NANCY GALARDI & SONS; IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH, SANDRA & DONNA CASEY BY LARRY CASEY & GRANDCHILDREN AND IN MEMORY OF SANDY ROBACK BY MARY ANN & BILL NILON.
A SACRED HEART CANDLE WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR HEALING OF OUR DAUGHTER ANNETTE LAXTON BY GEORGE & TONI RISCAVAGE.

2021 & 2022 CANDLES

There are Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Candles available for 2021 & 2022. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please call the rectory at (570) 825-6669. Thank you.

DIOCESE ADDS NAME TO LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED: Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true. In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification. The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals:

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Hennessy, Placid (OFM)

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.

ASHLEY FOOD PANTRY
Next open Thurs., January 13
Alternate Date - January 20
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who have donated.
May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE	
Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not Reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver - II Corinthians 9:7	
Weekly Collection 12/04/2021	**$7,906.00**
Second Collection **Care & Education of Priests**	**$394.15**